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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
EPO	0 632 551	Jan. 4, 1995
EPO	0 903 819	Mar. 24, 1999
Germany	195 12 427	Oct. 10, 1996

**PUBLICATION(S) :**

Nabors, C.D., et al., "High-power, continuous-wave, ND:YAG microchip laser array," Optics Letters, Vol. 17, No. 22, November 15, 1992, pp. 1587-1589.

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The references listed above are relevant because they were cited by the German Examiner in Applicants' counterpart German patent application no. 100 38 006.9 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

An English language abstract is attached to EP 0 632 551.

**OTHER U.S. PATENT(S):**

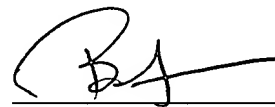
<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Patentee</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Issue</u></b>
5,910,522	Schmidt et al.	Jun. 8, 1999

U.S. Patent No. 5,910,522 is the counterpart of DE 195 12 427.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

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